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CHARLESTON, IL--Rob Hopkins (Mokena-LincolnWay), Eastern Illinois University tennis player, was the only Panther to win a singles and doubles championship in the Mid-Continent Conference.

Just a freshman, Hopkins won the No. 5 singles title with straight wins over Northern Iowa and Northern Michigan opponents. He teamed with Tim Buwick (Glen Ellyn-Glenbard South) to win the No. 3 doubles title.

EIU finished third in the MCC, posting an 11-8 record, the same as last year.

Hopkins posted a 12-3 singles record and was 10-1 in doubles action.

"Before the season started we were saying that Rob might break into the lineup . . . obviously he did more than that. He had an excellent freshman season," said Coach Carl Sexton.

"He might have been our most consistent player . . . I can't recall any dips in his season. He missed some action in mid-season and returned just a week before conference but it didn't seem to affect his play."